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TO THE VERY WORthy deserver of all true honours, and constant louer both of Religion and Learning,

WORTHY SIR.



Vch Fruits as (for the Diet of the Soule)
I have prepared for my selfe, doe I most gladly bestow upon you. Prophets were the first Grafters of them, Enangelists the Gatherers of them, and the Tree on which they grow is Christ, it was a

Heavenly Pleasure to me, to climbe vp to these Branches, and I hope it shall be a heavenly anquet to you to tast that which they beare. This booke is as it were a Map of a Large kingdome, wherein you may fee fo much drawne forth, as was promised by the King of Heaven and Earth should be bestowed upon his onely Begotten Sonne. The Citty of the foule is builded Abone, And through thefetwo Gates must shee paste, if shee Travell to Saluation. The one Gate was opened more then 5000, yeares agoe, (euen presently after the world was made) for to Adam himselfe was a Mesiah promifed. At that Gate, Prophets stood waiting, and telling newes of his comming. But to vs the other Gate is opened, and wee are affured that our Shepheard is come, Christ hath bin adweller with vs vpon earth. In whose Birth, Life, Wordes, Deedes, Passion, Death, Resurrelli-

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The Epiftle Dedicatorie.

on, and Ascension is fulfilled whatsoeuer (of him) was fore-told. I am a meere stranger to your eye, (though not to the good same that lives of you, samiliarly coversant.) But Sithence the Voinge of every professed Christan, lies but one Way. (And that Way is set downeheere, by the principles of Spiritual Nanigation.) Accept of my poore knowledge therin, I beseech you, which offers it selfe, not as a Guide vnto your sorney (you no doubt having skil enough of your owne.) But as a perfect Circle of my love, filled with many wishes, that after you have gone through this sirst Gate of a Momentary life, you may enter in at that second, which leadeth to all eternity and happinesse.

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wasmade) for to Adam himselfe we sa "top fed. Arther Gate, Propher flood wateing, so newes of his comming. But to vs the outer the ned; and wer are affured that on Sheplacod Chaid had him a dweller with resupon each Eliet, Life, Wender, Deche Profilm, Death



THE MARIAGE OF THE OLD AND

New Testament.

ODS Anger is short, his Mercy infinite: he seldome sendeth a Punishment, but presently after followeth a Parden. Read his euerlasting Chronicle, (The Bible) and you shall find this true. First hee chideth and then smi-leth, strikes and then cureth,

drownes the world for finne, and then gives the Raine-bow as a figne he will do so no more; but paffing by the Least, let our considerations stay vpon the greatest. Adam was in Paradice, and there fell: hee no fooner fell there but hee was driven from thence : he no sooner was banished, but (to comfort him) Christ was promised. Though Adam sled from God, yet God fled not from him; but howfoeuer our first Father stood condemned, we (his Posterity) | Gen. 3.15. had a Repriese from a Messiah that was to come. The bleffing which we loft in Adam, was to be re- Gen. 1 2,2. couered by the feed of Abraham, Moses was the first

witnesse to it, and after him all the Prophets. In Adam were we both happy and miserable. Happy if we had continued in the first estate, and miserable if (like maimed Soldiers) we had not beene setched off when we lay wounded by sin; but our Chirurgion was at hand. Man sinned and the Sonne of man was to suffer. The treason of the first Adam put the second to death, and the death of the second, quitted all the sonnes of the first. So that what we lost by the one we gained by the other: we were beaten out of Paradice and entertained into Housen. The Tree of Good and Euill brought forth an Apple to cast vs all away, and the Tree of Shame bare a fruite to saue vs all for euer.

God being throughly angred with Man-kind for disobedience, put a sharpe bridle into his mouth. That bridle was the Law, that law was a curft Indge, and ready to condemne; But the King of Heaven being as full of mercy as of Iustice, abated the edge of the Axe, & to a heavy Sentence added a comfortable pardon. The Balfamum of grace healed the wounds of the law, law did both promise and threaten. The Gospell should performe and reconcile. The bitternesse of the law was tasted, but the sweetnes of Grace could not be relished but by hope. It was fit therefore that we lying fo ficke, should be kept in hand that a Philition was comming: and hereupon was Christ promised, even from the beginning: He was promised not once but often. Often, to shewe that God was mindfull of our fauing health: and

by many mouthes was the newes brought to feale vp the tidinges with more affurance and credit.

Moles was the first that took evpon him the office of a Trumpeter, and proclaimed the comming of a Mestah, at least 4000. yeares before he set forth: and because hee was to spring from the stocke of Indah, he like an industrious Herald tooke espe- Gen. 38. ciall paines in drawing that Genealogy. It rested not fo: for old Incob lying on his death-bed, foretold Gen. 49. that Shiloh should come, and who was that Shiloh but Messiah?

Balaam in stead of curfing altred his tunes through | Exod. 34-17. the Charmes of the most high, and song sweetly of a Saujour.

What is that ladder which Lacob faw in his dreame Gen, 28. 12 (reaching from earth to heaven) but that scale of our ascending vp thither (Iesus Christ?)

And what other Paschal Lambe stand wein need Exod. 16.6. of, then of him who is the true Passeower? To preserve the memory of this expected Redeemer, more lively, fundry pictures of him (as it were) were drawne in the persons of others. Kinges, Priests and Prophets, were appointed to be shadowes of him that was the true and only substance. Gen. 22. In Isaacke (when he was ready to be facrificed) was the figure of Christ going to be crucified. In losab, leading the Children of Israel into the Land of Canaan, was a Type of our heavenly Iosuah (Christ Iesus) conducting vs to euerla- Iosuah. fting happinesse. In the person of David, he was the chiefe

chiefe King, and a Conquerour. In Salemen, the Builder vp of the Spirituall Temple. In Hezekiah

After thefe, were faithfull Messengers sent out whose errands were Propheties, and their Ptophecies ending onely in a Melsiah.

Ifayah.40 3.

Ier. 21.& 23. Hof. 1. 11. Icel. 3.

Amos.9 tt. Ion 17.

About the rest, E/ay singes loudest and cleerest: he names Christs Fore-runner; & drawes out Christs * Kingdome in lively colours, his offices, his life and his death, are by him foretold.

Ieremy celebrateth his birth, Ezekiell and Dawiell boast of his comming. Holes makes him a Captaine ouer Indah and Ifraell. Joella Shepheard to gather the scattered Sheep: Amos a builder to raise up the Tabernacle which was fallen, lonal goes into the grave before him to shew how many dayes he himselfe should by ethere. Obadiah, Misah, Nahum, and all the rest of the heavenly Singers beare a part in fuch like Hymnes: they have their voyces in this high Parliament: for the neerer the time approached in which Christ was to come, the lowder did they proclaime him, and with more greedy eyes flood waiting for his presence, as people do for a strange King that is to take possession of a new Kingdome.

They waited not in vaine, neither was expectation deluded: for God (to proue that his Prophets was no lyers) were as good as his word : he kept his day, and fent a Saujour: in him the obligation of the Rituall Law was canceld : in him all-lewish

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Ocremony ended : in him all promifes had performances: all foretellings their finishings. By him are the gates of Saluation fet mide open : in him alone all debts are payd, through his meanes the Prophets and Enangelists hold hands and embrace. It is he that hath Married the old and new Testament together, five thousand yeares and more hath a Parliament bin held about his birth-right, & both the Voper bonseand the Lower house, (Heaven and Earth) are now agreed vpon it. In conclusion this Chronicle he writes of himselfe, & this Epitome do we set forth of his acts, Confinatumest, all is now finished. What is finished? what soener was foretold all the Prophets gaue out, that the Prince of Heaven should dwel vpon earth, and (loe) the omnipotent king (his father) hath fent him hither, shall I fet downe the Gests of his Progresse: These they are, he first set out from his celestiall Palace, and lodged in the wombe of a Virgin, when he left that bleffed habitation, he lay next in a Manger, from the Manger hee went to the Croffe, from the Croffe to the Sepulchre, and from that Sepulchrereturned home againcinto Heaven. Sweetly therefore hath it beene fung by one of the most excellent singers in Davids Temple; Hall, in fermo. Nothing (faith he) was ever foretold by the Prophets of Christ which was not done; Nothing was done by Christ which was not foretold. It would take up a life to compare the Prophets and Evangelists, the predictions and the history, and largely to discourse how the one foretels, and the other answers. Caft

ne Passionis

Iohn. 14.6. Ego jum via. Cast therefore your eies vpon this building, suruay it from the foundation to the battlements, here shall you behold a wedding passing through two gates, the one having sundry pathes beaten out, and all leading to one way: the other directed by one path only, whose steps do guid to all Happinesse.

The first is the Court gate, at which Prophets are the Porters to open it, whilest Angels are the sootemen and fore-runners, bringing newes that the

King is voon comming.

The second gate is an entrance to the very Palace where the king shewes himselfe in person after he is come. Foure Enangelists are the soure Heralds that found forth his aproaching, & proclaime him king both of heaven and earth:here fits he crowned with the world at his feet, & his people round about him: he fits crowned with thorns, despised of the world, & betraied by his people; but because you may take perfect knowledge of him, whom fo they crowned, despised & betraied, a true relation shall be made of his honorable difcent (being sprong from kings) of his meruelous birth, his mother being a pure Virgin, of most base betraying him, the Traytor feeding at his owne table of his ignominious death (the Tree being accurfed.) And last of all of his wondrous buriall, & most glorious refurrection (triumphing outer Death & Hell.) To proue all these things, behold witnesses stand ready on both fides, who (Vine roce) giue in this euidence of him,

Observations to be taken in reading this Booke.

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Pon every first page (or lease) stand the Prophets, and on the other page, right against it are the Euangeliss: the one foretels the Comming, the Birth, the Passion &c. of Christ, Theother shewes wherein all the prophecies of him are fulfilled.

So that after you have reade the words of the Prophets at the vpper end of the first lease, marked thus \oplus with (a circled crosse) you are (if you would truly follow the Method of this booke) next to read the words of the Euangelists on the other side marked likewise as the former, with a \oplus circled crosse.

And so still if you read any verse quoted with any other markes as $+ \ddagger \P$ &c. behold the like marke on the other side iust opposite to it: for the matter of the one is answerable to, and makes plaine the other.

In reading the Prophets you shall finde that they speake of things to come as if they were already past, But note that they do this of purpose to shew the certainty of all their prophesies, which they know could not chuse but happen, because God himselfe was the reuealer of those secrets to them.

T. M.

ON this fide are placed the Prophets, giving testimony of so much as is reveled to them of Christ: And because the stocke of which (according to the sless) he was to come, is one of the first matters which they handle you shall first see how the Prophets derive his Pedigree: & then (on the other side) how the Euangelist confirmes it. Hearken therefore to the mutuall sounds which their heavenly musicke sends forth,

(t) Christ is that bleffing which was lost in Adam, and promised to be recourted in the seeds of A-bram.

The Lord faid to Abram, I will make of thee a great Nation, and will blesse thee, and make thy name great, and then shalt be a Blessing.

The Lord visited Sarah, as he had said, and did vonto ber according as hee had promised: for Sarah conceived and bare Abraham a sonne in his old age at the same season that God told him: And Abraham called his sonnes name that was borne unto him, seache.

(3) Out of Iu-

And then Beth-leem Ephratah art little to be amongst the thousands of Iudah: yet out of thee shall be come forth onto me, that shall be Ruler in Israell, whose goings forth have beene from the beginning and from everlasting.

(4) Forman viri assumendo, &
de femina nascendo, verumque
exum hec modo
conorandum indianii. Aug.

Therefore the Lord himselfe will give you a signe; Ela-7.14
Behold the Virgin shall conseive and beare a Sonne,
and he shall call his name Immanuell.

On

Gen.

Gen.

31.1.

(1) The Messiah fprung both from Abraham of the tribe of

Inda, and from the flocke of

(2) Read Luke

Christ is like. wife fet downe

prouing his de-

David.

3.23. where the Genealogy of

Adam. (3) Out of In

N this fide the Euangelists are ready to fubforibe to all that, which the Prophets fet downe. The one drawes Christ in picture, the other shewes him in person. His kindred are Icattred amongst the Prophets, and reckoned together amongst the Euangelists. Moses fetcheth his discent from Abram and David, not flewing the direct line; But Matthew (the first worke he doth) drawes out his true Genealog y.

This is the Booke of the Generation of lesus Christ the sonne of Dauid, the sonne of Abram.

Abraham begat Isaake, & Isaake begat Iacob, &c. Obed begat leffe, & Ieffe begat Dauid, &c. Nathan begat Iacob, and Iacob begat Ioseph the husband of Marie, of whom was borne lefus, that is called Christ.

Herod asked where Christ (hould be borne, and they faid unto him: at Beth-leem in Judah, for foit is written by the Prophet : and thon Beth-leem in the fcent from land of Iudah art not the least among it the Princes of Iudah : for out of thee shall come the governor that dah Ball feede my people Ifraell.

And all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was (poken of the Lord by the Prophet, faying : Behold a Virgin Shall be with child and Shal beare a son & they That cal his name Immanuel, which is by interpretatio, God, with vs.

(4) Nobilitas fuit Christi nafcentis, in virgini tate patientis: Nobilitas par. tientis, in Dinis nitate nafcentis. Aug.

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⊕ Mat. 1.

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Gentiles.

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VPhen lesus had fasted 40. dayes and 40. nights, he was afterward hungry: then came unto him the tempter, and sayd, if thou be the sonne of God command that these stones be made bread. But he answered, saying: Manshall not line by bread onely, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

(10)Christ is

- Mat. 4

And the Dsuell said unto Christ. If thou be the some of God, cast thy selfe downe e for it is written that he shall give his angels charge over thee, and with their hands they shall lift thee up, least at any time thou shouldest dashthy soote against a stone.

(11) Christ is tempted.

Mat.4.

And lefus leaving Nazareth, went and dwelt in Capernaum, which is neere the Sea, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esayas the Prophet, saying: The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim by the way of the Sea, beyond Iordan Galilee, of the Gentiles; The people which sate in darknife sawe great light, and to them which sate in the region and shadow of death, light is risen up.

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Mas.5.

When lesus saw the multitude, hee went up into a mountaine, and when he was set, his Disciples came to him, and hee opened his mouth and taught them, laying, Blessed are they that mourne, for they shall be comforted.

Surely

Here

The first Gate.

Here now bestow your eyes, and that worthing, in those principal and saving effects of the old and new Testament, that are now in mariage, knit in theauenly bands,

To which they joine their everlasting hands.

(1) God approueth not hereby that light Diuorce ment, but permitteth it to auoyd furthet inconuenience,

(2) Wildernes, that is, in Babilon and other places where they were kept in Captinity & milety.

V Hen aman taketh a wife, and marieth her, if Jobe she sind no fanour in his eyes, because he hath espited some filthines in her, then let him write her a bill of dinorcement, and put it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

A voice crieth in the wildernesse: Prepare yee the Es. 40,3 + way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a path for our God.

Yee shall not sweare by my name fally, neither shalt Linit, 19 & thou defile the name of thy God, I am the Lord.

Thou shalt open thy hand unto thy poore brother, and shalt lend him sufficient for his neede which hee hath.

O cast thy burthen upon the Lord, and hee shall Psass, nourish thee, and shall not suffer the righteous to fall 23.

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7. Deut.

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Teere now bestow your eyes, and that woorthily, vpon this heavenly Coherence following, in those principall and saving effects of The old and new Testament, that are now in mariage, knit in facred bands, To which they iowne their euerlasting hands.

Mat-I.

Hen Ioseph ber husband being a just man, and not willing to make her a publike example, was minded to put ber away secretly.

Mat - 3.3

For this is he of whom it is spoken by the Prophet (2) Make him a Efayas, faying: the voyce of him that cryeth in the mooth way, wildernesse, prepare you the way of the Lord, make his paths fraight.

Mat. 5. 33.

Thou Shalt not for sweare thy selfe, but Shalt performe thine oaths to the Lord.

Mat.S. 43.

Give to him that asketh, and from him that would berrow of thee, turne not away.

Mat. 6. 25.

Therfore I fay unto you, be not carefull for your life, what yee shall eate, or what you shal drinke: nor yet for your body, whatyou shall put on: Is not the life more worth then meate, and the body then rayment? behold the foules of the heanens, &c.

(1) The care. fulnes of this life is worthily checkt by thin king on the providence of God

face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

Behold

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(11) Heere John Baptiff, both for hiszcale, and restoring of re ligion, is aptly compared to E.

Behold I will fend you Elyas the Prophet, before the comming of the great and fearefull day of the Lord, and bee shall turne the heart of the Fathers to their Children and the beart of the Children to their Fathers, least I come and smite the earth with curfing.

(12) The old way, wherein the datriarchs and Prophets walked, direaced by the word of God.

Thus faith the Lord: ftand in the wayes, and be- Ir, 6,16 hold and aske for the old way, which is the good way, and walke therein, and you shall finde rest for your Coules.

Mal. 4

.5.6.

(13) Chrift is called a feruant in refeet of his manhood. Hee thall not cry nor lift vp the voyce, &c.

that is, His comming shall not be with pomp and oile, as earth. Princes.

ods terrible dgement and comprehenfis e me tey met

Behold my fernant I will flay upon him, mine e- Ef42. lett in whom my soule delighteth: I have put my Spirit upon him : he (hall bring forth judgement to the Gentiles, he shall not cry, nor left wo, nor cause his voyce to bee heard in the freete, a bruised reede shall be not breake, and the smooking flaxe shal be not quench, he fall bring forth ludgement in truth.

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Now the Lord had prepared a great fift to (wallow ton. op Ionas, and Ionas masinthe belly of the fift, three dayes and three nights.

All the Prophets and the law prophesied unto ⊕ Mas.11. Iohn, and if you will receive it, this is that Elyas 13.14 which was to come, bee that bath cares to beare let him beare.

Take my yoake on you, and learne of mee, that I am meeke and lowly in heart, and you (ball finde rest unto your soules.

Behold my ferwant whom I have chofen, my be- (13) By Iudgeloved in whom my foule delighteth, I will put my Spirit on him, and hee shall shew Indgement unto the Gentiles; bee fall not frine nor cry, neither Shall any man beare his voyce in the streetes; A bruised Reede Shall hee not breake, and smoaking flaxe tiles. (hall hee not quench, untill hee bring forth ludgement unto victorie: and in his name shall the Gen-

ment is meant a letled state Because Christ was to publish true religion among the gen-

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tiles trust.

As Ionas was three dayes and three nights in the VVhales belly, so shall the Sunne of man bee three dayes and three nights in the heart of the earth .

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(20) A feareful judgement a. gaintl Hypo. Crites.

Therefore the Lord faid : Because this people come neere unto me with their mouth, and bonour me with their lips; but have removed their hearts farre from me, and their feare toward me was taught by the precept of men: Therefore behold, I wil againe do a maruelous worke in this people, even a marvelous worke and a wonder : for the wifedame of their wife men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men Mall be bid.

(21)God doth When the Lord aw that the wickedneffe of man, was Gen. 6.5. great in the earth, and all the imaginations of the but he speaketh thoughts of his heart were onely evill continually: Then it repented the Lord, that hee had made man in the earth, and he was forry in his heart.

(32) In the wildernes, that is. in barre hearts and ignorant.

neuer repent;

after our capacity.

> The eyes of the blind shall be lightned, and the eares of Efa. 35. the deafe be opened. Then (ball the lame man leape, as an Hart, and the damb mans tongue shall sing: for in the wildernesse shall waters breake forth, and Rivers in the defart.

One witnesse shall not rise against a man for any trespasse, or for any sinne, or for any fault that he offendethin, but at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses shall the matter bee stabli-Bed.

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Ma. 29.

13. 14.

Mat. 15.

O Hypocrites! Esaias prophecied well of you saying, This people draweth necre unto me with their mouth, and honourethme with their lips, but their heart is far off from me, but in vaine they worship me, teaching for Doctrines, mens precepts.

(20) They are condemned for hyposcrifte, because they made the kingdome of God to stand in outward things.

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Mat. 15

Out of the heart come evill thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, falle testimonies, slanders, these are the things which defile the man, but to eate with unwashen hands defileth not the man.

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Mat. 15.

And great multitudes came onto Tesus, having with them halt blinde dum, maymed, and many other, and east them downe at Iesus feete, and he healed them.

(22) Maimed, whose members were weakned with the palsey, or by nature.

Mat. 18.

\$ 15,16.

Moreonorif thy Brother (ball trespasse against thee, go and tell him his fault betweene thee and him alone, if he beare thee, thou hast won thy brother, but if hee beare thee not, take yet with thee one or two, that by the mouth of two or three witnesses, every word may bee confirmed.

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26	The first Gate.		1
(24) The Mai	The manifaid, this now is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh, she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man therefore shall man leave his father to his mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they shall be one flesh.	Gen. 2 23. 24	•
(25) Not, that God aloweth Disorcement; but of two faults he infer- reth the leffe.	gresse against the wife of his youth, if thou hatest her, put her away saith the Lord God of Israel, yet hee co-	Mal 2. 15.16.	+
(26) Against vabeleeuers.	Thus saith the Lord of Hosts, if the residue of this people thinke it to bee unpossible in their eies in these daies, should it therefore be unpossible in my sight?	Zach, 8,	#.
A syr ages	I have not seene him & he that knew not his brethren, nor knew his owne children, those are they that have ob- served thy word, and shall keepe thy covenant.	Deu.33.	* .
(18) Making Religion their couering.	Is this house become a denne of theenes & whereupon is my name is called before your eies, behold, even, I fee is, aith the Lord. Christ	7.7. 11. 1.56.7.	•

Mat. 19

Christ said, bane you not read, that hee which made them at the beginning made them male and semale, and said, for this cause shall a man leave sather and mother, and cleave unto his wise, and they which were two shall be one * slesh.

(24) This word Flesh is by a figure taken for the whole man. *

Idem, 9.

Whosoeuer shall put away his wife, except it bee for whoredome, and marieth another, committeth adulterie, and whosoeuer marrieth her that is denorced, doth commit adulterie.

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Idem. 24

It is easier for a Camell to go through the ete of a needle, then for a rich man to enter into the kingdome of God. The Dissiples said, who then can be saued? but Iesu sbeheld them, and said unto them, with men this is unpossible, but with God all things are possible.

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Idem 29.

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Whosoever shall for sake houses, or brethren, or sisters, or Father, or mother, or wife, or children, or Lands for my names sake, he shall receive an hundred fold more, and shall inherit everlasting life.

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Mat.21,

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And lesus went into the Temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the Temple, and over-throm the Tables of the money-changers, and the seates of them that sold Doues; and said to them, it is written, my bouse shall be called the house of prayer, but you have made it a denne of thecues.

(26) Theophilast noteththat by this word Camell

last noteth, that by this word camelt is meant a Ca, ble, which though it bee granted, it takes away nothing of the wonder.

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Aldem 16.

When the cheefe Priests & Scribes faw the meruailes that (brist did and the chiluren crying in the Temple and faying, Holanna to the fonne of Dauid, they disdayned and faid wato him, hearest thou what these fay? Telus (aid onto them yea, have you never read; by the mouth of Babes and fucklings, thou halt made perfect the praile?

(20)Eftablifhed, grounded made perfect, it is all one that the Esangelift faith : for that is stable & fure which is most perfect.

-- Idem 33.

Tefus put forth a Similitude, there was a certaine honsholder which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about and made a wine-presse therein, and built a Tower, and let it out to husband men, and went into a frange Country, Oc.

+ Mat. 21. 24

Reade you never in the Scriptures, faith lefus, the Stone which the builders refused, the same is made the head of the corner, this was the Lords doing, and it is whehe inynes meruailous in our eies.

(31) The head: of the corner which beareth of the whole building.

Idem. 44

Who foener Shall fall on this stone, Shall be broken, but on whom soener it shall fall, it will dash him in perces.

Concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what is spoken to you of God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of lacob, God is not the God of the dead, but of the li-

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Mat. 23. 9.10.

Call no man your father upon the earth, for there is but one, your Father which is in heaven, be not called Dector, for one is your Doctor, even Christ.

(34) The Scribes very greedily hunt after fuch ti-

Mat. 24. 14-15.16. 17.

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This Goffell of the king dome (hall bee preached thorough the whole world for a witnesse unto all Nations. and then shall the end come; when you therefore shall fee the abhominatio of Defolation spoken of by Daniel the Prophet fet in the holy place, (let him that readeth confider it) then let them which be in Iudea, flie into the mountaines, let him which is on the house top, not come downe to fetch any thing out of his house, & c.

(35) The Gospell, which is the covenant before fpoken

Abhomination of defolation.

that is. Idolatry and the fruits therof.

The great feare that shall enfue.

(36) Neither on the Sabath; It was not lawfull to take a iourney on the Sabath day Ioferh,lib. 13.

Idem 20. \$ 21, 22.

Pray that your flight be not in the winter neither on the Saboth day: for then (hill bee a great tribulation, such as was not from the beginning of the world, nor shall be sand except those daies should be shortned, there (bould no flesh be faned : but for the Elects fake, those daies shall be (bortned.

And immediately after the tribulations of those daies shall the Sunne be darkened, and the Moone shall not give her light and the starres shall fall from beauen, and the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

(32) That Ancient of daies, is meant, by God the Father, who gaue to the b'effed Mejnab, all dominion, as to the Mediator.

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As I beheld in visions by might, behold, one like Dan.7.

the Sonne of man came in the clowdes of heaven, & approached unto the Antient of daies, before whem they brought him, and he gave him dominion & honour and a king dome, that all people, nations and languages shold serve him, his Dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall never be taken away, and his kingdome shall never be destroyed.

(39) A comfort to the Church in all dangers. As a Shepheard searchesh out his flocke, when hee hath beene among his sheepe that are scattered; sa will beeke out my sheepe, and will deliner themout of all places, where they have beene scattered, in the cloudy and darke day.

(40) The true Fast, which God requires, Is not this the fasting that I have chosen? to deale thy bread to the bungry, and that thou bring the poore that wander unto thine house, when thou (eest the naked that thou coner him, and hide not thy selfe from thine owne slesh? Then (ball thy light breake forth as the morning, and thine health shall grow specially, thy righteousnesses shall go before thee, and the glory of the Lord shall embrace thee.

flesh: for in him thou feest thy felfe, if so aflicted.

Thine owne

Many of them that sleepe in the dust of the earth Dans is shall awakes some to everlasting life, and some to shame, and per petual contempt.

(41) The geneall refurrectin.

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(38) The ex-

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world.

ceeding Glory and Maiefty of

From the foure windes, that is,

from the foure

quarte rs of the

Liem 30. Then fall appeare the Signe of the Soune of man in heaven, and then shall all the kindreds of the earth mourse, and they fall fee the fonne of man come in the cloudes of heaven with power and great glory, and he shal send his Angels with a great sound of a Trumpet, and they hall gather together his Elect from the foure windes, and from the one end of the heavens onto the other.

Before Christ shall be gathered all nations, and hee Shall separate them one from another as a shepheard diwideth his sheepe from the Goates, and hee shall set the Sheepe on his right hand, and the Goates on the left.

(39) The udgementday the Elect. and the Reprobate.

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Come you bleffed of my Father, take the inheritance (40) Of all the of the king dome prepared for you from the Foundation vertues, charity of the world; For I was an hungred, and you gave me meate, I thir sted, and you gave me drinke, I was a ftrager, and you tooke me in unto you; I was naked and

you clothed me, I was ficke and you visited me, I was in

prifon and you came unto me.

The feshal gream oenerlasting paine, and the righteous into life eternall.

(41) The laft

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34	The first Gate.	-	
(43) My Shep- heard, mea- ning Chriff, the head of all Pastours,	Arise, O sword, upon my Shepheard, and upon the man that is my fellowe, saith the Lord of Hosts, smite the Shepheard and the sheepe shall be scattered, and I will turne mine hand upon the little ones.	Zachel 3.	⊕
	Who so sheddeth mans blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the Image of God bath he made man.	Gen.9.6. Ezec, 11.	+
(44) By lossah, called Anointed, because hee was a figure of Christ.	The breath of our Nostrels, the Annointed of the Lord was taken in their nets, of whom we said, under his shadowewe shall be preserved aline among the Heathen.		‡
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	I gaue my backe unto the Smiters, and my checkes to the Nippers, I hid not my face from (bame & spitting,	E[.50.6.	*
(46) His wil- lingnesse and patience in suf- fering.	He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet did hee not ope his mouth, he is brought as a sheep to the slaughter, and as a sheepe before her Shearer is dum, so he openethnot his mouth.	Ef.53.7.	k
		Pfa, 22: 18,19.	1
	lefus.		

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⊕ Mat.20 310	because of me this night, for it is written, I will smite the Shepheard, and the Sheepe of the slocke shall be scat-	warned
Hat. 26	One of them which was with Iefus, stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, then said Iefus wate him, put up thy sword into his place, for all that take the sword, shall perish with the sword.	whom the
idem 5 5.	The same hower said lesus to the multitude, you be- come out asit were against a theese, with swords and stanes to take me, I sate daily teaching in the Temple among you, and you tooke me not: but all this was done that the Scriptures of the Prophets might be suffilled. 45	
* Idem.67	Then spat they on his face, and buffeted him, and o- ther smote him with rods, saying, prophesie to vs, O Christ, who is he that smote thee?	
* Mat,27.	things they lay against thee,—there is his afflictio— but Iesus answered him not to one word, — theirs his patience and long suffering;—in so much that the Go-	(46) Note his Affliction, then His patience and long suffe- ring.
Mat. 27.	And when they had crucified Iefus, they parted his garments, and did tast lots, that it might be fulfilled, which was spoken by the Prophet, they devided my garments among them, and upon my westure did cast lots. F 2 He	

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36	The first Gate.	-	
(48) Experience for the comfort of fin-	Hee is despised, and abborred of men, bee is such a man as bath good experience of sorrowes and insirmities, wee have reckoned him so vile, that wee hid our faces from him.	<i>U</i> .53.3.	⊕
45 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	My God, my God looke upon me, why hast thou for- saken me? and art so farre from my health, and from the words of my complaint.	Pfa.22.	+
	They gave me gall to eate, and when I was thir fig, they gave me vinegar to drinke.	Pfa, 69.	‡
(51) Their worme a con- tinual grav- ing of Confei- ence, which thall neuer fuf- fer them to reft.	From moneth to moneth of from Saboth to Saboth, shall allflesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord, and they shall go forth and looke woon the carkages of the menthat have transgressed against mee, for their worme shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched, and they shall be an abhorring waterall sless.	Ef.663	*
	The Land shall never be without poore, and there- fore I command thee, saying, thou shalt open thy hand unto thy brother that is needy and poore in thy land. They	Dentals	*

90	The first Gate.	
	Woe onto them that decree wicked decrees, write grievous things, to keepe backe the poore from judgement, and to take away the judgement of the poore of my people, that widowes may bee their pray, and that they may spoile the fatherlesse.	Ef.to,I.
(58) More Gentiles then Lewe 8, Belec- uers.	Reioice, O Barren that didft not beare, breake forth into ioy, and reioice thou that didft not trauaile with childe, for the defolate hath more children then the maried wife, faith the Lord.	Elsa.
	Moles made a serpent of Brasse, and set it up for a signe, and when a serpent had bitten a man, then be looked to the serpent of brasse and lived.	Num.21 ‡
(60) His head uenly care ouer the weake and tender.	He shall feede his flocke like a shepheard, he shall ga- ther the lambes with his arme, and cary them in his bo- some, and shal guide them with yong.	£.40.11.
(61)No strana ger, except hee be circumcifed.		x, 12.4 5.45.
free the cur decreasing there are the	Thou shalt not leave my soule in hell, neither shalt P thou suffer thine hely one to see corruption.	(d. 16.
	Woe	

-	Th	e fecond Gate.	<u> </u>	43
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_ Luk. 23.	Behold, the daies we fed are the barren, and the Paps that neuer g	d the wombes that	n shall say, bles- t neuer bare, &	
Ioh.3 44.	As Moses lift up must the Sonne of ma neth in him should no	n belift op, that v	phosoener belee- the	9) Lift vp at is, his wermade anifest.
Iohn. 10.	I am that good st ueth his lefe for the she	60 hepheard, that go	od (hepheard gi-	i i limiti oli, si i oli con oli oli oli Olife
Iohm.19. 34-35- 36.	One of the Souldie and forthwith came i that faw it bare recor knoweth that he faith for these things were fulfilled; Not abone o	d, and his record i h true, that you m done, that the Scr	water, and he strue, and hee ight beleeve it;	mask since since the
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D 46.	Woe unto you also you Lawyers, far you lade men with burdens grieucus to be borne, and you your selves touch not the burthens with one of your singers.	
Luk. 2:	Behold, the daies will come when men shall say, blessed are the barren, and the wombes that never bare, the Paps that never gave sucke.	
Ioh.3 14	must the Sonne of man be lift up, that who so wer belee-	(9) Lift vp. hat is, his owermade nanifest.
Iohn. 10	I am that good shepheard, that good shepheard gi- ueth his life for the sheepe.	244 (1813) Sanda Sanda Sanda (14)
10hn.19 34-35. 36.	One of the Souldiers with a speare pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water, and he that saw it bare record, and his record is true, and hee knoweth that he saith true, that you might believe it; for these things were done, that the Scripture should be	
Iohn,20	fulfilled; Not a bone of Him shall be broken.	- 9
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my fpirit, that is, in greater abudance more generally the in times past : By Christ, and the ioyfull tidings of the Gospell

65) Pewre out

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By the remnant are meant the Gentiles_

Afterward will I powre out my Spirit woon all fleft. and your fonnes and your daughters shal prophecy, your old men shall dreame dreames, and your yone men shall fee visions; and also upon the fernants and upon the maids in those daies will I powre my birit; And I will hew wonders in the heaven and in the earth, blood on fire and pillars of (moke; The funne shall be turned into darkenesse, and the moone into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come; but who foeuer shall call on the name of the Lord shall be faned, for in moust Zion, and in Ierusalem shall be deliverance as the Lord bath faid and in the remnant, whom the Lord fall call.

I have fet God alwaies before me for ke is on my right Pfa. 16. hand: therefore I shall not fall, wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory reisized, my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Other

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Tobn.10. 16.

Other Sheepe I have allo, which are not of this fold. them alsomuli I bring, to they shall beare my voice. and there shall be one sheepefold, and one shepheard.

(62) The Gen tiles, which the were ftrangers to the Church of God.

Acts, I. 19.20.

It is knowne unto all the inhabitants of Ierusalem. in somuch that that field is called in their owne language Aceldema, that is, the Field of blood: For it is written in the Booke of Plalmes, let his habitation be void. and let no man dwell therein, also let another take his charge.

(64) His charge, that is. his Office, and his Ministry.

AEts, 2. 16.17. 18.19. 20, 21,

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This is that which was spoken by the Prophet Icell; And it shall be in the last daies, saith God, I will powre out my feirst upon all flesh, and your sonnes and your daughters shall prophesie; and your yong men shall see visions, and your old men shall dreame dreames, and on my ferwants, and on my handmaids I will power out my foirst in those daies, and they shall prophecie, and I will shew wonders in heaven above, and tokens in the Call on, signiearth beneath, blood & fire, and the vapour of smoake; Scriptures, an The Sunne shall be turned into darknes, and the moone carnest pray. into blood, before that great & notable day of the Lord ing. come; and it shall bee, that who soever shall call on the

(65) All fleth: All without exception. both vpon Iewes and Gentiles.

Acts. 2. 25.26.

Thus David faith concerning Tefus, I beheld the Lord alwaies before me, for heis at my right hand, that I should not be (baken: therefore did mine heart reioice, and my tongue was glad, and moreover also my flesh Challreft in hope.

name of the Lord shall be saved.

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44	The first Gates		1
(67) Meaning a cotinuallfuc- ceffion of Pro- phers, till	The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Pro- phet like unto me, from among you, even of the brethre, unto him shall you hearken.	Dene, 18	A
Chrift the end of all Prophets, come. (60) The world that win by thy feede, Chrift; the blefting which was loft	I will make of thee a great nation, & will blesse thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing, I will also blesse them that blesse thee, and curse them that curse thee, and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.	Gen, 12.	7
in Adam. (69)Siccush and Chum, two Iw dols, which as their King they carried about.	69	Ames. 5. 25.26. 27. 26.	‡
(70) Gods matery is for great it filleth both heauen and carth.	Thus faith the Lord; The heaven is my Throne, and the earth is my footestoole: where is that house that you will build onto me? and where is that place of my rest for all these things hath mine hand made, and all these things have beene, saith the Lord.	Ef.66.	*
(71)None shall bee blinded with igno- tance	sugrammen his brother Coving Know the Lard for they	ler. 31. 34. Mica. 7. 18.	*

Behold

shall receive remission of fins.

The first Gate.

(72) They (ha) nor beleeue their owne ru. ines, becaule vabelecuers of Gods word. (73) I will fend the Messiah promiled, and restore by bim thespiritual Mracl.

Behold among the heathen and regard and wonder, Alacs !! and meruaile: for I will worke a worke in your daies. you will not beleeve it though it be told you.

In that day will I raise up the Tabernacle of Dauid. Amor, 9. + that is fallen downe, and close up the breaches thereof. and I will rasse up his ruines, and I will build it as in the daies of old, that they may possesse the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, because my name is called upon them, faith the Lord, thatdoth this.

If we have forgotten the name of our God, and holde Pla. 44 \$ up our hands to any strange God; Shall not God search it out? for hee knoweth the very secrets of the heart, for thy Take also we are killed all the day long, and are counted as sheepe appointed to be saine.

(75) Against those that murmur against God in time of aduerfiry.

Woe bee onto him that Ariveth with his maker, the Pot heard with the pot heards of the earth, hal the clay say to him that fashioneth it. What makest thou? or thy worke, it hath none hands? O house of Israell, cannot I doe with you as this Potter, (aith the Lord? behold, as the clay is in the Potters hand, so are you in mine hand, O house of Ifraell.

Beware

A Hof. 2.22 Hof.1.10

I will fore her unto me in the earth or I will have mercie upon her that was not pittied, and I will fay onto them which were not my people, Theu art my people, and they Shall say, Thou art my God. The number of the children of Ifrael shal be as the fand of the fea, which canot be measured nor told, on the place where it was faid onto the Ye are not my people, it hall be faid onto them Te are sonnes of the living God.

This verse must bee reade on the Prophets fide. Page. 48.

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Rom. 10. 14.15.

How shall they call on him, in whom they have not beleeved, and how shall they beleeve in him, of whom they have not heard? and how shall they heare without a Preacher? and how shall they preach except they bee fent ? asit is written, How beautifull are the feete of them, which bring glad tidings of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things.

(77) Hereof faith commeth.

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1 was found of them that fought me not, and have beene made manifest to them, that asked not after me, and onto Ifraell he fait h, all the day long have I firetched forth my hands unto a disobedient, and gain-saying people.

Rom. II. 9. 10.

Let their Table be made a Snare, and a nette, and a fumbling blocke euen for a recompence runto them, let their eies be darkened that they fee not and bow downe their back almaies.

(79) Snarde in the law for refuling the Golo

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60	The first Gate.	-	
(30) The true deliuerance from linneand Sathan,	The Redeemer (hall come unto Zion, and unto them that turne from iniquitie in Iacob, satth the Lord, & I will make this my couenant with them, saith the Lord, my spirit that is upon thee, and ny words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy	Ef. 99. 20.11.	0
(81)God only wife. H.s Omnipov tence.		Ef.40.	+
	a way ht, & the kills in a ballance? who hathinstructed the spirit of the Lord? or was his counsellor, or taught him? of whom tooke he councel. who instructed him, and taught him in the way of indgement or taught him knowledge, and shewed unto him the way of understading. 82	14.	
(82) All (hall acknowledge me for God.	Looke unto me & you shall be faued, all the ends of	E.45. 23.23. 23.	‡
(83) The won- d rfull loue. of God.	Since the beginning of the world, they have not heard nor understood with the eare, neither the cie seene ano- ther God beside thee, which doth so to him that waiteth		
(84) Euen in death, God will iu: Isfe,	I will redeem them from the powre of the grave, I will a deliner them from death, O death, I wil be thy death, O grave I wil be thy defiruction. All	do[:a.13.	*

All Ifraell shall be saued, as it is written, the Deliuerer shall come out of Ston, and shall turne away the ungodlinesse from Iacob, and this is my couepant to them, when I shall take away their Sinnes.

(80) Christ the Saujour.

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A Rom.n.

33.34.

knowledge of God, how unsearchable are his judgemets, and his waies past finding out? for who hath knowne the minde of the Lord? or who was his councellor? or who hath given unto him first, and hee shall be recompenced? For of him, and through him, and for him, are all things: To him be Glory for eur, Amen.

(81) Paule rauifhed in Spirit, crieth cut as aftonifhed with the wonderfull wifedome of God.,

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Rom.14
Wee shall all appeare before the judgement scate of Christ, for it is written, I live, saith the Lord, and every knee shall bowe onto me, and all tongues shall confesse onto God.

(82) The knowledge of God, and the true worshipping, shalbe through all the world.

K Cor. 2

Idem_26

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The things which eie hath not seene, neither eare hath heard, neither came into mans heart, are, which ble.

God hath prepared for them that love him.

(83) Ioyes incomprehentible.

1:Cor.15

Death is swallowed up into Victory. O Death, where is thy sing? O Grave, where is thy Victory.

(83) The triumph ouer death.

I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day 2. Cor. 6. of Saluation have Huccoured thee, behold now the accepted time behold now the day of Saluation.

(85) In a time of Grace, and free Mercy.

Ephef.6.

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16.17.

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Stand therefore and your loynes gird about with verity, and having on the Brest-plate of righteoufness and your feete shod with the preparation of the Gospell of peace above all, take the (hield of faith, wherewith you may quench all the fierie darts of the wicked; And

(86) Saluation, which was purchased by Jefus Chrift.

1 2.7 hef. 2.8.

The wicked man shall be reweiled, whom the Lord (hall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall abolift with the brightnes of his comming.

take the Helmet of (aluation, and the sword of the spirit

which is the word of God.

87 By Spirit, the Word

. Heb. 1.10 11.12.

Thou Lord in the beginning hast established the earth and the heavens are the works of thine hands 3they shall perish, but thou dost remaine, and they all shall wax old as doth a garment, and as a vesture shalt thou fold the up, and they shall be changed : but thou art the same, & thy yeeres shall not faile.

1. Pet .4 17.18.

The time is come, that indgement must begin at the house of God; If it first begin at tos, what shall the end concerning be of them which obey not the Gospell of God? and if the Righteous scarcely be saued, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appeare?

(89) Saued, Temporall Punishment,

Deo Soli Gloria Sapienti.

(92) By Wine and Milke. Spirituall joy and Nourish. ment.

Angels.

Ren 4.3.

The foure Bealts had each one of them fixe wings about him, and they were ful of cies within, and they ceafed not day nor night, faying, Holy kely, hely Lord God Almightie, which was, owhich is, ow which is to come.

+ Rew. 7. 16.17.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the Sun light on them, neither any heate; For the Lambe, which is in the middest of the Throne, hall governe them, and hall leade them onto the lively fountaines of waters, and GOD shall wipe away all teares from their eies.

(91) All Infirmity and mife. fery thall bee taken a way.

I Ren. vlt 16.17.

I lesus bane sent mine Angell, to testifie unto you (91) Come, you thefe things in the Churches, I am the roote and the Ge. that defire heaneration of David and the bright morning-flarre, and and Comfort, the Spirit and the bride fay come, and let him that heareth, fay, come; and let him that is a thirft come, and ict who foeuer will take of the water of life freely.

uenly Graces.

Thus have you heard the heavenly Musicke of the Prophets & Euangelists, at which every good mans soule springs and reioyces. Neuer sweeter Harmony, nor euer cheaper, come, and heare, tis freely yours, come, and feast, yours all. What Heaven calls his, call yours, be glad, and Feaft. There is no Price fet on a Heavenly Guest: Milke, Water, wine, Life, Grace, th Eternals Loue, All three, are Free, and fo I hope youle proue.

FINIS.

Christo Gloria.